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McKenzie Homecoming is Friday



The McKenzie High School Homecoming court includes (L to R): Anna Weatherford, Lydia Pate, Allie Walker, Kortnee Brown and Reese Carroll. Photo courtesy Carol Nanney/MHS

McKenzie High School celebrates Homecoming this week, culminating Friday night with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and the home football game against Perry County. Students and teachers have a full week of fun as each day has a dress-up theme: Minion Monday, Tuesday - PJ Day, Wednesday - Wear Pink, Thursday - Anything but a Backpack

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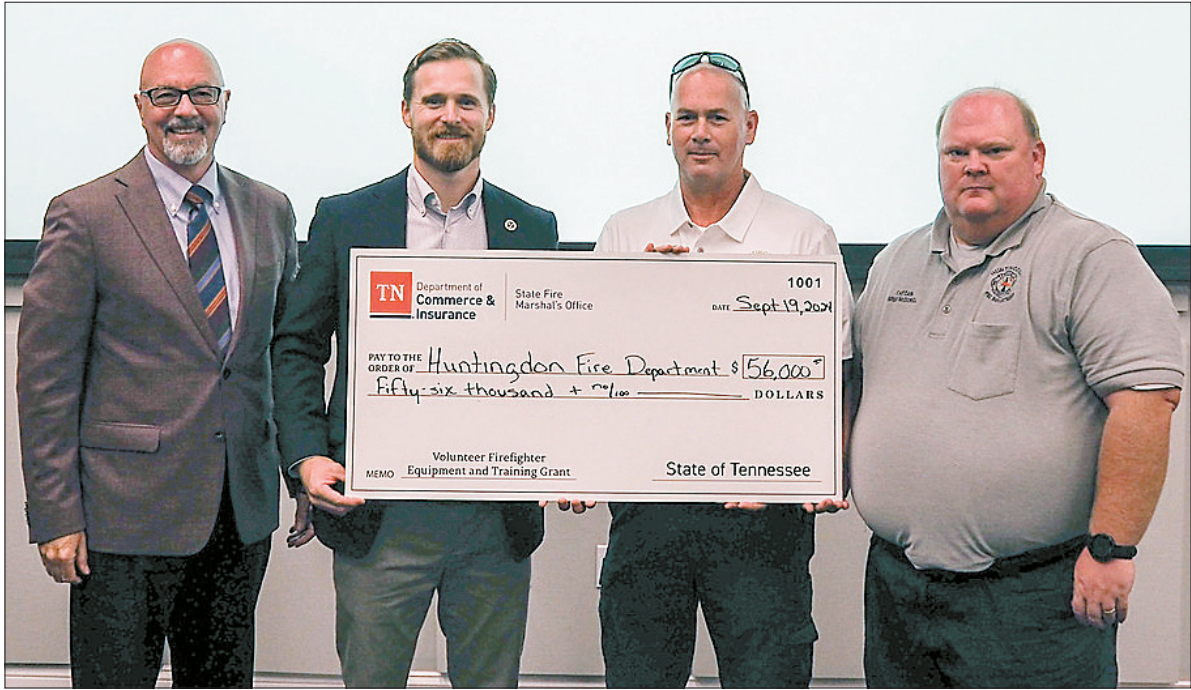
McKenzie Alumni Decades Reunion is This Weekend

McKENZIE — McKenzie High School Alumni Association hosts its first Decades Reunion on October 4 and 5 with a parade, golf tournament, homecoming game, block party and individual class reunions. The events kick off with the Alumni Association Golf Tournament on Friday, October 4, 8 a.m. at Carroll Lake Golf Course. All golfers need to be present by 7:45 a.m. Space is still available for teams of four for the golf scramble. Entry fee is \$200 per team. Contact Brian Winston at Carroll Bank and Trust (731-352-2282). Homecoming Parade — The traditional Homecoming Parade begins at noon on Friday

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HUNTINGDON

Fire Department Receives State Grant



Pictured are Mike Bell, TDCI Assistant Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Carter Lawrence presenting a check to Huntingdon Fire Department Battalion Chief Brian McCaslin and Captain Brian McDowell, from the Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant in the amount of \$56,000. The check was awarded at the VFEAT Awards Luncheon in Martin Tenn. on September 19. Congratulations and good job Huntingdon Fire & Rescue!

Lawrence is A.F. Bridges Principal of The Year



Lee Lawrence

GLEASON — Lee Lawrence, principal at Gleason School, is the 2024 recipient of the A.F. Bridges Award sponsored by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association-District 8. The award will be presented on November 12 in Jackson. Candidates for this prestigious award are nominated by their peers within each of the nine Tennessee athletic

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Odean Garms, 89
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QUOTE

"What is not started today is never finished tomorrow."

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Huntingdon Hears Complaint About Water Billing, Approves Officers' Take-Home Patrol Cars

BY JOEL WASHBURN
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HUNTINGDON (September 24) — The Huntingdon Mayor and Council approved a policy to allow certified police officers to drive their patrol cars home when not on duty. That approval came during the September 24 meeting of the Council. The policy permits the car to be driven within 25 miles and only certified officers. Many area police departments added such a policy to attract officers to the force. In other business, Allison Williams, a resident of Huntingdon, complained about her water bill. Personnel of the Water Department estimated her monthly billing instead of actually reading the meter. The actual usage was then charged on a subsequent monthly bill, which created a much higher bill. Williams said that the employees simply recorded 'false amounts' instead of actually reading the meter. She noted that she addressed the issue before the Council in

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CARROLL COUNTY

Rural Fire Discussions Continue

BY JASON R. MARTIN
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HUNTINGDON (September 26) — As of Thursday morning, September 26, the Carroll County Rural Fire Department Committee has not made a definitive decision/recommendation on the department's future. Since the August 19, meeting, Carroll County officials and Commissioners have been discussing the future of the Rural Fire Department. In the August 19 meeting, Marc Alley, Emergency/Fire Management Consultant with County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS) informed members of the Carroll County Commission, Rural Fire Committee members and local firefighters that the current system the county is operating under does not constitute as a rural county wide fire department. The department was created in the 1980s under Wesley Beals administration. In order to become a county wide fire department, Carroll County must first pass a resolution creating a department. The gist of Thursday's meeting was to provide a list of questions to be answered before recommending the creation of a state-recognized county fire department. The

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Tennessee Guardsmen Continue Assisting Rescue Efforts in East Tennessee

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee National Guard continues its support of state, county, and local emergency first responders assisting areas impacted by severe flooding following the landfall of Hurricane Helene. Working with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, guardsmen are providing 24-hour, ground and aerial rescue support to those in need. Since flooding began, servicemembers from the 1-230th Assault Helicopter Battalion, based at Knoxville's Joint Base McGehee-Tyson, have been flying rescue missions throughout the devastated areas. On Friday, three UH-60L Blackhawk helicopters performed nearly 60 aerial rescues of Tennesseans trapped by floodwaters, including hospital staff and patients at Unicoi County Hospital. Members of Smyrna's 45th Civil Support Team, who are certified swift water rescue technicians, deployed to East Tennessee to assist with rescue operations and four Light Medium Tactical Vehicles,

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The Pioneer Family: Pritchard Family — Mayor Nina Smother presented the award to the Dewey and June Pritchard. Pictured are Mayor Nina Smothers, Stephanie Warbritton, Debra Twyman, Jimmy Pritchard, Rhonda Pritchard and Pat Dillahunty. Not pictured Pam Pritchard.

Rainy Weather Hinders Heritage Festival

HUNTINGDON (September 28) — Rain dampened but did not cancel the 31st Annual Huntingdon Heritage Festival. Rains from the remnants of Hurricane Helene devastated portions of East Tennessee and dropped about four inches of rain in northwest Tennessee.

The main-stage events were relocated from the street on the Court Square to the main stage of The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center. Many of the exhibits were moved to basement of The Dixie, former Southern Chiropractic building and the First Baptist Church. The annual Carroll Arts Storytelling event continued in the Public Safety Building.

Attendance at the annual event was significantly lower as light rains persisted throughout the day.

Main stage entertainers were Fisher Stokes, Wallace and Company and former Miss America Kellye Cash, who headlined the entertainment.

The event included Eden's Echo Wildlife Education, Ray Moore Magician, and information from the Carroll County Library.

Mayor Nina Smothers honored the Dewey and June Pritchard Family as the Pioneer Family. The Citizen of the Year was Denise Tucker.

Denise Tucker:

Denise Tucker was honored as the 2024 Outstanding Citizen. This award goes to an individual who has dedicated many years of service to the community.

Denise was born in Huntingdon at Dr. Gidden's Clinic. She has lived here her whole life except for a brief stint in Ohio. Her parents were Warren and Naomi Jarrett. Her dad worked for Ford Motor Co in Memphis but was transferred to Ohio where they lived until he passed away in 1965. That led the family back to Huntingdon. She has one brother, Bob Jarrett, who resides in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Denise has two daughters, Jill and Brittney. Jill is married to Blake Courtney, and has four sons – Colton, Tucker, Hudson, and Jax. The family travels a lot together, and they are typically looking for the best running route wherever they go.

Denise's family is her life. Denise has worked at Norandal/now Granges for 45 years. It was never her plan to work there, and actually she did not want to work there. But for some reason, Gene Burden lured her in. She said that she is not sure she would have stayed this long had it not been for the things she learned from him. She started in Personnel with Mr. Burden, then was promoted to Customer Service Representative, Scheduling and Planning. She is now a Senior Account Manager in the company's outside Sales group.

Denise worked with her two best friends – Jan Scarbrough and Donna Thomason for almost 40 years.

She likes to work out and has a love/hate relationship with running. It has been a big part of her family over the years. She loves when it is over and it does make you feel good. Denise said that any activity makes you feel good. This belief led Denise to being talked into teaching an exercise class at First Baptist Church in 2000 and she has been at it ever since. She went to Barnett's 24/7 when they opened and has been at E3 Fitness Center since they opened. She believes that nothing is better than seeing people do things they don't think they can but are happy when they do. The exercise class is supposed to meet twice a week, but life and stuff has a tendency to intervene. Denise loves her group at the gym too!

In 2009, Denise, a few friends and her daughter decided to



Left, Former Miss Tennessee and Miss America Kellye Cash was the headline entertainer. Right, Denise Tucker was presented the Citizen of the Year Award by Mayor Nina Smothers (pictured right).

run the St. Jude half marathon. None of them had ever committed to that distance before. They really did not know anything about that weekend, the race, or anything else about it...except they had to run 13.1 miles and had three months to prepare. They all survived!

In 2010, they formed their hero team, Triple A. Originally, Triple A stood for All About Alex for Alex Reiter, son of Ron and Amanda. They quickly added Andrew Barger Jones, son of Keisha when he was also diagnosed with cancer. Denise shared that Triple A really stands for all kids, A – Z, that have had to face cancer.

The first year of Triple A, her team had a hefty goal of \$2,000 to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They raised \$12,626 that year. Since 2010, they have raised over \$500,000 by holding 5Ks, selling food and shirts, hosting car shows, and even begging! Little did she know that jumping forward to 2024, she would still be at it. Denise said none of this would have been possible except for the family and friends that have supported the group over the years.

Pritchard Family – Pioneer Family Award:

This award goes to a family that has dedicated many years to our Town, this year's recipient is The Dewey and June Pritchard Family.

Pioneer Family

Dewey and June Pritchard were named as the Pioneer Family. Dewey was born and raised in Huntingdon. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served as a medic in Belgium during The Battle of the Bulge and served under General George Patton. After the war, he returned to Huntingdon. He and June Kee of Clarksburg were married on June 12, 1948, and began their life together in Huntingdon.

During their 40-year marriage, they were blessed with six children: Jimmy Pritchard, Debra Twyman, Pam Pritchard, Pat Dillahunty, Rhonda Pritchard, and Stephanie Warbritton. The family always believed that June kept having more kids to try to have a brother for Jimmy, but that never worked out for him.

Dewey worked hard to support his family of eight while June stayed home to care for the children. She was a wonderful cook who grew much of the food the family ate and sewed many of the clothes the kids wore. June was also a faithful member of the Huntingdon Church of Christ where she taught Bible classes and never missed an opportunity to attend services. She died at the age of 58 to cancer in 1989. Dewey died in 2005 at the age of 82.

All six Pritchard siblings are graduates of Huntingdon High School which was a great source of pride for Dewey and June since neither Dewey or June graduated from high school. All six are also college graduates.

Jimmy is a retired teacher and coach after 40 years in education with 35 of those years teaching and coaching in Huntingdon. You can still

catch him at E3 Fitness if you want to discuss some football.

Debra is also a retired teacher with 34 years of teaching all at Huntingdon Primary School.

Pam retired in 2020 after 45 years as a registered nurse and resides in Portland, Oregon.

Pat is a retired educator and superintendent with 33 years of service and is the owner of Small Town Blessings in Huntingdon.

Rhonda is a retired teacher with 35 years of service, with 18 years in Paris and 17 at Huntingdon Middle School.

Stephanie is the only one who is not retired, and she is the administrator of AHC McKenzie. Hopefully she'll have a wing ready in the nursing home for her older siblings in the future.

Jimmy, Debra, Pat and Rhonda are now all retired teachers with over 142 years of service among them with 120 of those years serving the Huntingdon Special School District. June always said she wanted to be a teacher. Her kids carried out that wish for her and two of her grandchildren are continuing that service currently in the Huntingdon schools. In fact, there has been at least one Pritchard working in the Huntingdon Special School District every year since 1973. That's over 50 years and counting.

Dewey and June were also blessed with 10 grandchildren: Beth Pritchard Guess, Nick Pritchard, Jennifer Twyman King, Brent Dillahunty, Kyle Dillahunty, Cliff Dillahunty, Brenna Ori, Tyler Warbritton, Jake Warbritton, and Brady Warbritton. Yes, if the Dillahunty brothers and the Warbritton brothers make you think of Huntingdon athletes, the family is proud to say they are half Pritchard! The Pritchard family line continues with 17 great-grandchildren. June and Dewey would be very proud to know that many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren are continuing to live in Huntingdon.

The Pritchard family has always known about the importance of hard work and service. Among the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, there are teachers, coaches, librarian, school and nursing home administrators, college professor, doctor, physician's assistant, nurse, general manager, industrial supervisor and worker, and a lawyer.

Dewey and June Pritchard lived a very simple life here in Huntingdon. They worked to make ends meet and to raise their family. Times were often difficult, as with a lot of families, but they did the best they could to ensure that their family had what they needed.

The children knew the value of hard work, education, and family. In fact, to this day, they still see that life is best lived when you base your life on love of God, love of family, and love of community. They shared that they are truly a blessed family.

To the Pritchard family, we thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community. Your dedication and love for this town is evident by your tireless efforts throughout the years.

Electric Board Receives Excellent Audit

HUNTINGDON (September 26) — Another excellent financial report was provided by ATA accountants concerning the FY 2023-24 operations of the Carroll County Electric Department.

In a repeat of recent years, the audit firm found no adverse findings in the audit of the company, which had \$44,475,000 in revenue and \$43,624,809 in expenses, and a net income of \$850,750.

Stephen Eldridge, a partner with ATA, presented the audit findings in electronic video format during the Board of Directors' meeting on September 26.

He praised CCED Office Manager Kelly Fields for her excellent work in managing the finances of the electrical distributors.

Ryan Drewry, general manager, said it's the culture of all employees to work together.

In other business, Drewry said the

department is testing new communications radios that will use the Tennessee Advanced Communications Network. Two geographic areas, the Maple Creek area and Macedonia, proved to exhibit some weakness in communications with the test radios.

The Silicon Ranch solar project bids in Trezevant will be available for review during the October meeting. The Tennessee-based solar company is building a large solar array in Trezevant and will connect with Carroll County Electric's substation in Trezevant.

A new substation for the Leach Community is progressing with initial sub-surface bore testing taking place. The substation is necessary to support the residential growth around Lake Halford.

Drewry notified board members that CCED is scheduled to purchase a new truck in 2025. Pricing will soon be available to bid the truck.



Hosting the open house were McKenzie school officials Bobby Young, Chad Brown, LaShonda Williams, former Director of Schools Lynn Watkins, George Cassidy, Director of Schools Dr. Barden, and Misty Aird.

Open House Held for Multi-Purpose Building

McKENZIE — An open house for the public was Saturday, September 28, 3 to 5 p.m. for the new multi-purpose sports indoor complex at McKenzie High School. Several area residents visited during the open house to see the indoor practice facility.

The 3,710 square-foot facility, multi-purpose

sports practice facility is used for various sports teams, bands and other school groups, including physical education. MHS football has used the facility extensively during the hottest of days. It is also used by soccer, softball, baseball and band.

It has heat and air, men's and women's dressing rooms, two retractable

hitting cages for baseball and softball, an artificial turf floor - 50 yards of regulation football yardage and markings which include an end zone. There is also a baseball and softball diamond in the turf design.

General contractor Lashlee-Rich, Inc. constructed the building at a cost of \$3,989,720.



(L to R) Our staff — Front Row: Billy Fuzzell, Joel and Teresa Washburn, and Brittany (Washburn) Martin. Back Row: Brad Sam, Veteran/Former Staff Carol Lemonds, Veteran/Former Staff Linda Bolton, Jason R. Martin, Debbie Fuzzell, Janna Pratt, and Harley Foust. Photo by Mayor Joseph Butler



Above, Current owners, Jason R. and Brittany (Washburn) Martin, along with guests posed for a photo on the front steps of the newspaper office commemorating the celebration. Below, Janna Hellums, Northwest Tennessee Regional Director of TNECD, (center) presents a certificate to Joel and Teresa Washburn (left) and Jason and Brittany Martin (right) recognizing The McKenzie Banner as a Centennial Business. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

The Banner Honored As Centennial Business

Recently, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) recognized The McKenzie Banner as a Centennial Business. Tennessee is recognizing companies that have been in operation for 100 years or more in the Volunteer State.

Since 1870, The Banner has called McKenzie home. While the name may have changed a few times over the years, the newspaper has played an integral part in recording not only the history of McKenzie but of the tri-county area of Carroll, Weakley and Henry counties.

Current owners, Brittany and Jason R. Martin welcomed guests for a morning coffee and provided tours of The Banner facility and adjoining print shop. Guests learned



of the company's history and how the Washburn family has either worked or owned The Banner since 1948.

The Banner is the only company in Carroll County recognized as a Centennial Business. The City of McKenzie was chartered in 1869 with the newspaper following the following year under the tutelage of Camillus Hawkins, brother of Tennessee Governor Alvin Hawkins.

Governor Bill Lee stated, "From banks and dining establishments to major manufacturers, these companies represent the

state's thriving industries and have provided countless opportunities to Tennesseans in communities across the state."

TNECD Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter said of the Centennial Businesses, "These legacy companies have seen great success, overcome obstacles, survived the pandemic and remain pillars in their communities. I am honored to recognize each of them for contributing to our state's history and spurring economic growth in Tennessee."



Citizens in East Tennessee affected by Hurricane Helene being airlifted to safely by a Tennessee National Guard Blackhawk helicopter from Knoxville’s 1-230th Assault Helicopter Battalion, September 28. Submitted photo

Rescue

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from Johnson City's 176th Combat Support Sustainment Battalion, supported water rescue missions in Carter County. LMTVs are vehicles with high ground clearance able to traverse flooded areas and assist in rescue operations.

On Saturday, seven Blackhawk helicopters from Knoxville and Nashville's Berry Field continued rescue missions in East Tennessee, saving nearly 15 citizens as well as performing critical missions like dam and bridge

assessments, damaged area surveys, and transporting critical supplies. They are also working with Nashville Fire Department as part of Tennessee's Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team to assist those in need. Today, these aviators are continuing rescue and relief operations throughout the affected areas.

These missions are all being coordinated through the Tennessee Military Department's Joint Emergency Operations Center, which was stood up prior to Hurricane Helene making landfall. The JEOC operates continuously to manage the response of National Guard forces, communicate with partner

agencies, and rapidly deploy emergency response assts. Today, they deployed a debris removal team, comprised of more than 50 engineering specialists from Trenton's 230th Engineer Battalion and Knoxville's 134th Air Refueling Wing, to East Tennessee to assist restoring critical infrastructure.

The Tennessee National Guard is continuing rescue and relief efforts and will continue as long as needed. If someone needs assistance, please contact your local authorities. To report a missing person in the affected area, call the TBI FIND line at 1-800-TBI-FIND / 1-800-824-3463.

Fire

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main question is the cost/burden on the budget. The budgeted items would include but are not limited to utility costs, renting or leasing of property, insurance costs and maintenance costs. Mayor Butler stated that once a resolution is passed creating a rural fire department the county is responsible for the funding.

Commissioner Philip Moore stated he was concerned about funding and was worried that stations would lose their individual identity which would then in turn hinder community support. Commissioner Jimmy McClure explained that the stations could keep their individuality but needed to represent the entire county, not just a specific community. To help with funding, community members could have something similar to a booster club that is

a 501(c)(3) that could in turn help with meeting the needs of the individual stations.

Commissioner Dan Willman said that the current state of the fire department as a whole is a mess. He added there are numerous deficiencies in training especially in leadership roles. Commissioner Moore, a firefighter and station chief, later responded that he took issue with Commissioner Willman's statement. Willman elaborated that there are good districts/stations but the main concern boils down to safety. The county can't keep doing what it's doing.

Chairperson Commissioner Lana Suite stated it all comes down to dollars and cents. The Rural Fire Committee and the Commission have to make a data-driven decision. To move forward with a resolution in October, the Rural Fire Committee needs to meet again in October the answers to financial questions.

Commissioner McClure agreed stating they had to move forward making steps each year towards building a strong foundation for the future.

A request was made for each station/district to provide a monthly statement of operation costs.

At no time during the meeting did the Rural Fire Committee comment address replacing Amanda Sneed as fire chief nor was there a discussion of her taking over as Carroll County Emergency Management director, a position held by her mother, Janice Newman, who recently retired. There has been requests from County Commissions, local firefighters and others in the county asking Mayor Joseph Butler to consider opening the hiring process up for both positions in order to cast a wider net outside of the immediate area.

The Rural Fire Committee meets again on October 10 at 8 a.m. in the conference room of the Carroll County Government Complex.

Huntingdon

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April and felt her 'integrity was questioned by saying things that were not true.' Some citizens received billing adjustments. Those adjustments were not in line with the city's adjustment policy.

"Moving through the proper channels of speaking in person about a grievance and then to the Council, while not seeing progress in ethics nor the acknowledgement of the code, I filed a complaint with the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation." She and Mayor Nina Smothers and City Recorder Kim Carter appeared before the board.

Williams quoted two of the TBUR's board members, who stated the city failed to read the meter and then assessed the difference on a future bill. Board Member Pelham said the meter readers did not do their job...It's failure and negligence on staff. That member said if they follow the city's policy, there would have been a correct adjustment. Assistant Director of the Comptroller Ross Colona said, "Whenever you have

misreading due to poor management, we look at the utility's best practice, and that is the city's ownness for the utility fix." He said the TBUR should write a letter to the town of Huntingdon to look back into the matter and see if there can be a different resolution based on the policy.

Williams said a few descriptives regarding the town of Huntingdon were 'fraudulent, poor management, and failure and negligence.

Williams said the hearing was held on July 18, and she has yet to hear anything publicly. In March, there were 90 water bill adjustments, and in April, there were 81. How many of these were overread or under-read, and how were the adjustments determined? Mayor Smothers said the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation did not give a clear directive from the meeting. Councilpersons Andrew Maddox and Kelly Eubanks expressed their concern that they were unaware of the hearing until recently.

Soon, the manually-read water meters will be replaced with all digital meters that automatically report the water usage with-

out human meter readers.

Shawna Smith addressed the Council about adding a regulation pickleball court in Veterans Park. A group called Huntingdon Picklers is ready to work with the city to add four to six pickleball courts on one of the former tennis courts in the park. The current surface would have to be evaluated to determine if it can be repaired. The group, consisting of Brian Strop, Elizabeth Cope, Jordan Allen, Shawna Smith, Cade Wood, and Tiffany Dunbar, offered to work with the city to create regulation pickleball courts.

McKenzie

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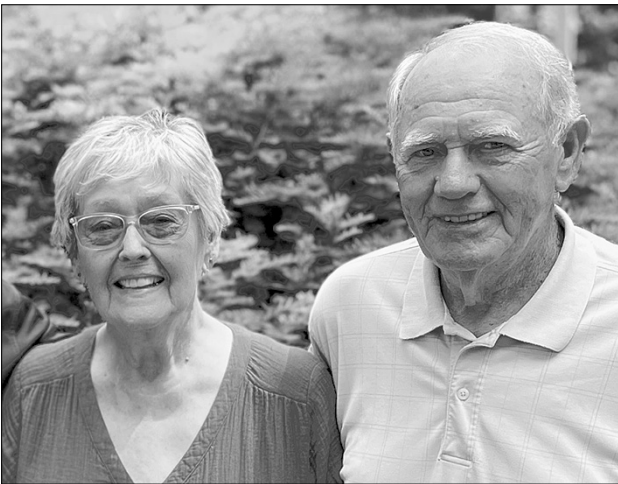
and Friday - Rebel Gear.

Friday, the entire community is invited to join in on the fun. A Homecoming parade begins downtown at 12:30 p.m. and continues past the middle and elementary schools, ending at Rebel Stadium.

Grand Marshals for the parade are John and Karen Camp.

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association hosts a tailgate for alumni at the stadium beginning at 4:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., pregame festivities begin at Rebel Stadium with the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. Members of the court in-



MHS Homecoming parade Grand Marshals Karen and John Camp. Photo courtesy Brad Camp/MHSAA

clude Anna Weatherford, Lydia Pate, Allie Walker, Kortnee Brown and Reese Carroll.

Kickoff of the football game is 7 p.m.

Following the game, the

City of McKenzie hosts a Block Party on Broadway from 9-11 p.m. with music, dancing and food trucks.

Several MHS classes hold reunions Saturday (see separate article).

Principal

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districts. The TSSAA Selection Committee then selects one winner from each of the nine districts. District 8 includes all schools in the counties of: Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, Tipton, and Weakley.

Lawrence attended Gleason School from Kindergarten to graduation —playing football, basketball, and baseball for the Bulldogs. In football, he was selected as All-Region three times, as well as All-West Tennessee and All-State Honorable Mention his senior season. While playing basketball

for the Bulldogs, he earned All-District twice in high school. In 2000, Mr. Lee graduated from Gleason School in the Top Ten of his class.

While playing college football as a 4-year offensive lineman/center for the UTM Skyhawks, he was the first UTM offensive lineman to ever be named First-Team All-OVC. He was selected as a team captain by his teammates during his senior football season and played in all 46 of his college games, with 40 consecutive starts. In 2003, Mr. Lee was selected as the "Skyhawk Iron Man" award winner. He was also selected to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll in all semesters.

After graduating from UTM in 2004 with academic honors and a degree in

Communications/Public Relations, Mr. Lee worked for Hillview Community Living Center as Director of Social Services, Admissions, and Marketing. Mr. Lee then earned a Master's degree in Education and has dedicated the last 19 years to his beloved hometown school as a Gleason teacher, coach, athletic director, and administrator.

As Principal of our PreK-12 community school, Mr. Lee is a tremendous advocate for our students, teachers, parents, and the Gleason community. He lives in Gleason with his wife of 20 years—Amy, and his son—Luke. Luke is a junior at Gleason School and Amy, also a Gleason graduate, serves as the Gleason School Librarian.

Alumni

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in downtown McKenzie, travels down Stonewall and passes both the McKenzie Middle School and McKenzie Elementary School.

Pre-game Decades Reunion at Rebel Stadium 4:30-8:30 p.m. Admission to the game is \$7 and must be paid by all attendees as they tailgate. Food will be provided by the Alumni Association. An RSVP is requested to participate. The reunion area is casual and come-and-go. Tables and chairs at the tailgate will be limited, so visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair if possible. Alumni are also asked to wear red and gray to show your Rebel Pride!

All interested MHS alumni may join the MHSAA at the registration table at the tailgate party. Dues are \$10/annual or \$100/lifetime, payable by cash, check (made payable to "MHSAA"), or Venmo. A donation box will be available at the registration table if anyone would like to make additional contributions to the organization.

A Block Party in downtown McKenzie is 9-11 p.m.

Saturday is filled with individual class reunions.

10 a.m. is the Class of 1974 at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Gale Chandler Edwards is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

11 a.m. is the Class of 1969 at the MHS Cafeteria. Terry Howell is the contact at 731-415-7075.

1 p.m. is the Class of 1979 Reunion at the McKenzie City Park Barn. Mary Ann Bush Garner is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

ger or by email at mary-ann@randalgarner.com

4 p.m. is the Class of 1984 Reunion at the MHS Cafeteria. Melinda Moore Leake is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

6 p.m. is the Class of 2014 Reunion at the New Valley Event Venue - Gleason.

Katelyn Ridley Robertson is the contact through Facebook Messenger.

The MHSAA Pop Up

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Lady Rebels are District Champs
Rebels Take Runner-Up Spot

SHARON (September 23) — The District 14A High School Golf tournaments were Monday at Persimmon Hills Golf Club. The McKenzie Lady Rebels were crowned champions among three competing teams, while the Rebels were runner-up out of eight teams.

The Lady Rebels earned the title by just two strokes over Westview with a team score of 184. Charli Weatherford was the individual district champion with a score of 73. Madelyn Morris shot 111 to earn fifth overall. The Rebels shot 309, just

behind champion Westview's 293. Ace Brown's 72 earned fourth place as an individual. Nolan Fawcett shot 77 (fifth individually), Ethan Bradley 78 and Carter Kee and Brady Allison 82 each. The playoffs continued Monday, September 30 with the Region 7A tournament, also at Persimmon Hills, after The Banner's press deadline.

Huntingdon Marching Invitational is Saturday

The annual Huntingdon Marching Invitational is Saturday, October 5 at Paul Ward Stadium on the campus of Huntingdon High School. Nineteen bands will compete and the Huntingdon Marching Mustangs will perform in exhibition during the day-long event. Huntingdon performs at 9:45 a.m. The preliminary competition schedule is as follows: Class A: 10 a.m. Haywood

High School, 10:12 a.m. Halls, 10:24 a.m. Hollow Rock-Bruceston. Class AA: 10:36 a.m. Dyersburg, 10:48 a.m. West Carroll, 11 a.m. McEwen, and 11:12 a.m. McKenzie. Class AAA: 11:40 a.m. Bolivar, 11:52 a.m. Riverside, 12:04 p.m. Camden, 12:16 Milan, 12:28 p.m. Scotts Hill. Class AAAA: 1:40 p.m. Chester County, 1:52 p.m. Forest, 2:04 p.m. Crockett

Co., 2:16 p.m. Gibson County, 2:28 p.m. Dyer County, 2:40 p.m. Camp Station, and 2:52 p.m. Henry County. Preliminary awards will be presented at 3:04 p.m. Dinner break is 3:30-5:30 p.m. The finals competition begins at 5:30 p.m. for the bands that advance to the second round of competition. Final awards presentation is 7:50 p.m.

'In God We Trust' Disabled Driver Plates Available

HUNTINGDON — The Carroll County Clerk's office now offers two versions of Tennessee disabled driver license plates, with or without "IN GOD WE TRUST" appearing below the plate number. Carroll County Clerk Darlene Kirk said if an individual would like the plate all they have to do is someone in her office for that type of plate. Tennessee's new disabil-



ity license plates feature a dynamic accessibility symbol instead of a stick figure, and are similar in appear-

ance to the standard blue license plates that were released in 2022. Photo courtesy Carroll County Clerk

CORRECTION

Repeated by Popular Demand

The September 24 edition accidentally featured the page 4 from the September 3 edition. I don't think this has happened in more than a decade, but we are human, just like everyone else, and we all make mistakes from time to time. To rectify the situation, we made the September 24 e-edition free on mckenziebanner.com, it includes the correct page 4.

We hope you will join us in laughing off this error and moving forward. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fun Fact: Back in the 1940s and 50s, before the newspaper moved to offset printing, a newspaper page may have been "repeated by popular demand" because someone didn't "lock the page" before moving it and thousands of letters of type (and hours of work) fell into the floor... usually on deadline. Back then, making each newspaper page required a lot more time. Newspaper employees would set the type by hand, every letter, every sentence, backwards, to form a newspaper page and lock it into the "chase" (a heavy steel frame that holds type in a letterpress).

The chase was then carried to the printing press, ink was applied to the lead type and, similar to the concept of a rubber stamp, the words were transferred to the page, the page was then set out to

dry. It took days to make a newspaper. Side note: We still have cases of lead type here that hold tiny letters and two of the old presses used in this form of printing (non-operational now). When the linotype was invented, it saved time and cut down on the number of employees needed to make a newspaper, by allowing one person to type in the lines of type and the linotype would melt down lead "pigs" or bricks, to pour molten lead into the letter moldings, the machine would spit out lines of type that could then be set into the chase and locked in. In 1963, The McKenzie Banner switched to offset printing (the press was located in McKenzie where Sunrise Cafe is currently). Offset printing, a photographic process, is a printing method that uses a rubber cylinder to transfer an inked image from a plate to paper. The process is based on the principle that water and oil don't mix, so ink can be applied to areas of the plate treated with grease, while water-based film is applied to non-image areas. I remember the large camera that sat in the middle of our building downtown. In the 1980s and 90s, the news pages were being assembled on large graph paper-like pages that had the news stories "pasted" on them with something similar to a glue stick, but less permanent.

The stories were typed, printed and then pasted up. Then, those pages were photographed with the huge camera and negatives were printed from that. When I was little, I "helped" blot out the white dots that weren't supposed to be on the negative pages. (If your story was missing a period, I apologize for my overzealousness). The large negatives of the newspaper were then transferred to the printing press in Huntingdon. In 2012, during a renovation of our building, the large camera was removed. I kept a piece of it and made a father's day gift for my dad that year. As computers got more advanced, the middle men in the process were eliminated. Page layout has moved from molten lead to all digital, sending PDF files to the printing press in Union City; but we still use the offset method with plates for the pages. Today, we laugh at this momentary lapse while paying homage to the people who made the magic happen back when it was hard work. Thank you for your service. **Brittany (Washburn) Martin, publisher** P.S. Then and now, we still get our hands completely covered in ink as we stuff the inserts into each newspaper and apply the labels by hand. Some things never change.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that attended the Centennial Business Coffee on September 18. It was such a blessing to see you all. We loved welcoming you into our business and spending time together. I've tried to find the words to show our gratitude for this honor and for the people that came to celebrate with us. All I can say is, WOW. We are so blessed. It was only a moment that went by so quickly, but to share it with city, county and state officials and the business people, our friends, neighbors, and extended family... this moment will be cherished for the rest of our lives. Thank you for being attending. Those that weren't able to make it, we felt the love from you all as well. Thank you for thinking of us. Metaphorically speaking, if this is a mountain we're climbing... any progress we've made is because of the community that has supported us. Support is so many things and your support has made this business possible. The legacy of the newspaper was built on the sto-

ries of your families and the hours of dedication from veteran newspaper staff members. 154 years of people choosing this newspaper... all that time that has been invested... thank you for reading. Thank you for welcoming us into your home. Thank you for making us feel like part of the family. It is an honor to serve you. I hope you always know how much we appreciate you. You are so loved. A special thank you to McKenzie IDB/Chamber Director Monica Heath; McKenzie Mayor Ryan Griffin; Carroll County Mayor Joseph Butler; Business Dev. Consultant Tessa Kyle; Northwest Tennessee Regional Director Janna Hellums; Sen. Hargety's, Rep. Kustoff's and Sen. Blackburn's offices and their representatives; NWTN Tourism Director Kasey Muench; Lisa Fitzsimmons; Dr. Perry Moulds; Rev. Dr. Ed Perkins; McKenzie Banking Company; Keith Priestley; Joe Neumair; Shawna Fowler; McKenzie Rotary President Christy Williams; Armand Hebert;

Rev. John Adams; Chris Edlin; Bill and Geneva Johnson; Councilpersons Drew Beeler and Carol Lemonds; Leigh Goodwin; Nancy Holland; Mike Laughrey and Jill Holland; Charlie and Joy Martin; and our amazing staff: Joel and Teresa Washburn (who made all the refreshments), Janna Pratt, Harley Foust, Brad Sam, Billy and Debbie Fuzzell and my wonderful husband, Jason R. Martin. I know I probably left out a few people, but thank you all for attending the event.

Sincerely, Brittany (Washburn) Martin, Publisher

P.S. To commemorate this special occasion, we unveiled a new sign by our front door (printed in-house) ...and it reads... "Recognized as a Tennessee Centennial Business by Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. This newspaper has been in continuous operation for over 100 years, a milestone made possible by loyal patrons and dedicated staff. A heartfelt thank you to all who have invested in this business. It is an honor to serve you."

WEST TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL

Monday Night Mammogram Events to Be Held for Breast Cancer Awareness

SUBMITTED BY WTHHCH

PARIS (September 20) — In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Hospital (WTHHCH) is excited to announce two Monday Night Mammograms events, offering the women of Henry County and surrounding areas an alternative to watching Monday Night Football. Mark your calendars for Monday, October 7 and Monday, October 14. These special events will take place at the Diagnostic Center and are designed not only for women scheduled for mammograms but also for anyone looking to join in a fun-

filled, informative evening focused on breast cancer awareness. Eat, Sip, and Shop! The Monday Night Mammograms events will feature shopping, food, and healthcare resources. Bring your friends, enjoy the atmosphere, and help us celebrate the community while raising awareness about the importance of breast cancer screenings. You don't need to schedule a mammogram to attend the event! For those interested in a mammogram, we encourage you to register early, as time slots are limited and require physician approval and insurance clearance. To schedule your mammo-

gram for October 7 or 14, please call (731) 644-8486 for details. Help us make this Breast Cancer Awareness Month meaningful and impactful. Join us for an evening of celebration, education, and community support. About West Tennessee Healthcare: West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Fillies Fall to Lady Chargers, 3-1

BY BRAD SAM brad@mckenziebanner.com HUNTINGDON (September 24) — Huntingdon High School hosted Westview Tuesday for a consequential district soccer match. Each 2-0 in District 12A, the winner would

claim the top seed in the upcoming tournament. The Fillies struck first at the very end of the first half, but the Lady Chargers scored three times in the second half to claim the 3-1 victory and the 3-0 district record. Huntingdon finishes 2-1

in the district, ahead of McKenzie (1-2) and South Fulton (0-3). Juli Harris scored the lone goal for the Fillies on a free kick. Fillies goalkeeper Mad-die Brinkman had 23 saves in the loss.

August Unemployment Decreases in Tri-Counties

NASHVILLE — Unemployment percentages are mixed in the tri-counties for the August survey period. According to the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, unemployment dropped more than two percentage points in Weakley County while Carroll and Henry saw only a slight change. Carroll County recorded an unemployment percentage of 4.1 percent in August, compared to 4.4 percent one year earlier. From a labor force of 11,701, there were 11,227 employed leaving 474 unemployed. Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in August compared to 3.7 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,832, there were 13,345 employed and 487 unemployed. Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent, down from 6.3 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 14,758, there were

11,701, there were 11,227 employed leaving 474 unemployed. Henry County recorded an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in August compared to 3.7 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 13,832, there were 13,345 employed and 487 unemployed. Weakley County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent, down from 6.3 one month earlier and 3.6 one year earlier. From a labor force of 14,758, there were

14,145 employed and 613 unemployed. In Tennessee, the unemployment rate decreased in 47 counties, increased in 28 and remained the same in 20. The highest unemployment rate in Tennessee was recorded in Houston County with a rate of 5.7 percent, followed by McNairy at 5.2 percent. The lowest unemployment rate was recorded in Sevier County at 2.5 percent, followed by Moore at 2.6 percent. Tennessee's overall rate is 3.3 percent.

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Obituaries

BRENDA DOSTER 1942 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Funeral services for Brenda Rosser Doster were Wednesday September 25, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home. Interment was at Jones Cemetery, Wildersville.

Mrs. Doster, 82, died Friday, September 20, 2024, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. She is a member of First Baptist Church, and a homemaker. She was born on February 27, 1942, in Jackson to James Jefferson Rosser and Ruby Pearl Kizer Rosser.

She is survived by her daughter, Stacy Sterling of McKenzie, son, David (Sherry) Doster of McKenzie, two sisters, Patricia Rosser and Candice Beasley, seven grandchildren, Kayla Sterling, Logan Sterling, Anthony Mattox, Chelsea (Matthew) Mullins, Caden Webb, Hanah (Dillon) Baccus and Abbey (Michael) Wood, and five great-grandchildren, Cohen Wood, Laikyn Wood, Londyn Wood, Henry Mullins and James Mullins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Kenneth Doster and sister, Phyllis Tipple

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GORDON LEE BATEMAN 1948 – 2024

TREZEVANT — Grave-site services for Gordon Lee Bateman were Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Trezevant Cemetery.

Mr. Bateman, 75, died Sunday, September 15, 2024, at Jackson Madison

County General Hospital. He was born in Trezevant on October 10, 1948, to L.H. Bateman and Arnelle Tate Bateman. He was a retired CPA for the Senior Housing Administration.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimber Lee Bateman of Senatobia, Miss., and Fara (Chad) Sudlow of Germantown, a sister, Martha Hopper of Nashville, two brothers, Lloyd (Hope) Bateman and Clyde Bateman, all of Trezevant, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Kathy Pinson Bateman, a sister, Ruby Nell Fuller and brother, Dwayne Bateman.

For further assistance, please call Brummitt-McKenzie Funeral Home at 731-352-4848 or visit our website at [brummittmckenziefuneralhome.com](#).

ONEITA THOMAS 1928 – 2024

Mrs. Oneita Thomas, 96, of Huntingdon, died Friday at Jackson Madison General Hospital.

Funeral services were Saturday, September 28, 2024, in the Chapel of Dilday-Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed on St. Paul Cemetery.

On March 1, 1946, Oneita joined her life with Sylvester Thomas, Sr. Together, they welcomed ten beloved children into the world, three of whom—infant Thomas, Jerry Thomas, and Imogene Thomas Ivory—preceded her in death. Each child was a testament to her boundless love, and her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she cherished.

Mrs. Oneita was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester Thomas, Sr.; parents, Ella Staten Williams and John Milton; three sisters, Corine Johnson, Shirley Willis and Retha King.

She leaves to cherish her

memories her children: Sylvester Thomas, Jr., Huntingdon; Carl Edward Thomas (Melissa), Huntingdon; James Howard Thomas (Nellie), Gibson; Bruce Thomas, Jackson; Patricia Thomas, Jackson; Rosie Thomas Lee, Avondale, Ariz.; Barry Thomas, Detroit, Mich., and one sister, Laura Warren, Trezevant; 14 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dilday Carter Funeral Home-Huntingdon.

ODEAN GARMS 1935 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Graveside funeral services for Odean Garms were Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at Carroll Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Garms, 89, died Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on January 13, 1935, to Marvin and Sadie Williams Reed.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathie Nolen of McKenzie, two sons, Tony (Delores) Nolen of McKenzie and Kevin Nolen of East Peoria, Ill., seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Vernon Wesley Nolen and Dabid H. Garms, sisters, Pauline Brown and Juanita Nolen and brothers, Thomas Reed, Glenville “Jim” Reed and Lyndell “Bud” Reed.

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DAISY LOU SPENCER 1928 – 2024

MCKENZIE — Mrs. Daisy Lou Spencer, 96, of McKenzie, Tennessee died Thursday, September 26, 2024, at

her home.

At Mrs. Spencer's request, there will be no funeral services.

Mrs. Spencer was born March 15, 1928, in Dyersburg, to the late Eli Washington Douglas and Cordie Bell Douglas. She was also preceded in death by her husband, John W. Spencer, two daughters, Laura Brown and Vivian G. Brown, two sons, Charles E. Anderson and Johnny Mack Brown, a grandson, Michael E. Anderson, two great-granddaughters, Claudia N. Anderson and Sammy Anderson, four sisters, Elsie Bowman, Hazel Sawyers, Margie Riggs and Mary V. Triplett and several nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her caregiver and daughter, Barbara Varner (Kenneth) of McKenzie, a daughter, Cindy Lou Brown Smith of Brookport, Ill., a son, Teddy Franklin Brown of Murray, Ky., a sister, Bobbie Sue Pollis of Dresden, sixteen grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Chase Funeral Home - Huntingdon.

NICKEY BOWERS 1971 – 2024

GLEASON — Funeral services for Nickey Allen Bowers, Jr. were Monday, September 30, 2024, at Sandhill Baptist Church, Gleason. Interment was at Sandhill Cemetery.

Mr. Bowers, 52, died September 26, 2024, at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. He was born in Paris, on December 20, 1971, to the late Nickey A. Bowers, Sr. and Linda Adams Bowers.

He is survived by his wife, Allison Jones Bowers, two sons, Nickey A. “Trey” Bowers, III and Barrett Bowers, all of Gleason, two brothers, Monte (Shelly) Bowers of Gleason, Jerry Lynn Kemp of Paris.

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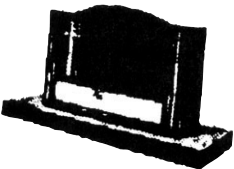
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Baptist Carroll County Earns Zero Harm Award

HUNTINGDON — Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County is one of only eight hospitals statewide to receive the Tennessee Hospital Association's first Zero Harm Award, a new initiative recognizing outstanding achievements in patient safety across Tennessee hospitals.

The Zero Harm Awards Program, developed in collaboration with the Tennessee Center for Patient Safety and the Tennessee Hospital Association Quality Committee, recognizes hospitals and clinical departments that have zero health care-associated infections in categories that include central line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, clostridium difficile infections and methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus during the past calendar year.

“Receiving Tennessee

Hospital Association's new Zero Harm Award for consistently providing excellent care is a significant achievement,” said Susan Breeden, chief executive officer and administrator of Baptist Carroll County. “Providing safe and high-quality care for patients is our number one priority, and I am proud of our team for their dedication to providing exceptional care to patients every day.”

Eligible participants include acute care and pediatric hospitals that report data to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network and have voluntarily granted data rights to the Tennessee Hospital Association. The Tennessee Department of Health partnered with the Tennessee Hospital Association to validate the data and ensure accuracy. Award criteria require hospitals to have a minimum of 50

line days, or patient days, hospital-wide or at the unit level for catheter-associated urinary tract infections and central line-associated bloodstream infections.

“The achievements of these hospitals are a testament to exceptional quality and safety practices in their facilities,” said Tammy Van Dyk, THA senior vice president of patient safety. “We are proud to announce that 94 member hospitals received the Zero Harm Awards this year, eight hospitals achieved the remarkable feat of zero harm events across all four eligible categories.”

The Tennessee Hospital Association was founded in 1938 and serves as an advocate for hospitals, health systems and other healthcare organizations across the state. The Tennessee Hospital Association's initiatives support the efforts of Tennessee's hospitals to ensure high-quality care for

the patients and communities they serve.

Baptist Memorial Hospital-Carroll County provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient medical care to West Tennessee in a variety of specialized areas, including cardiac care, pediatrics, general surgery, physical therapy and palliative care, among others.

Baptist Carroll County is the recipient of many awards and accolades, including the Tennessee Quality Award, Premier Inc.'s QUEST Award for High-Valued Healthcare, the Quest Hero Award, Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval in 2015 and an “A” Hospital Safety Grade from the Leapfrog Group in 2024. For more information, visit [baptistonline.org/carrollcounty](#) or follow us on Facebook at @BaptistCarrollCounty.



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Lakeside News

BY SHEILA WILLIS

Greetings,
Cooler weather made outings much more enjoyable.

Speaking of outings, we made a few this month. We attended the monthly senior citizen dance at the Carroll County Civic Center. They have started dance classes, and we enjoyed seeing the partners dancing in unison to music by the Trailblazers. We're hoping to find an instructor to come teach us a dance or two. If interested in coming to Lakeside to teach us, call 731-352-4567.

We shopped at Dollar Tree, had an early morning breakfast at Bobby Gee's and the ladies shopped for new fall frocks at Cato's.

We went to McKenzie's square for Nights on Broadway and enjoyed fresh air and wonderful music by the Longshot Band. (We might have visited a food truck, too.)

If you are hosting an event you think we would enjoy, please share the information with us. We love being out and about and part of the community.

Our residents like to stay styled and stylish and are always receiving compliments by visitors or when on outings about how great they look, and that is largely due to the wonderful beautician Annette Nash who has provided salon services for almost 13 years here at Lakeside.

Ms. Nash is well past retirement age herself as she is 81 years old. When I asked her why she was still working, she stated “I love to do what I do, I love being here at Lakeside and fixing my friends' hair.” I loved how she referred to her clients as friends. That truly is the atmosphere here among residents, staff, volunteers and vendors. Everyone is considered family and friends.

Speaking of friends and family, we lost a dear one this past month. Mrs. Carlene Kelley went to her Heavenly Home and several residents attended her visitation to bid a final farewell. Our condolences went out to her family as she will be genuinely missed here at Lakeside.

We want to thank the staff at Baptist Home Health for coming out and hosting a Fall Prevention Class. A fall can be devastating to the senior population, and any tips or advice to keep them upright and balanced is much needed and appreciated.

With apple season upon us we took full advantage, and the ladies gathered for a cooking class. We made 64 homemade apple dumplings that were enjoyed as dessert with the evening meal, and you know we had to top off this yummy, warm, sweet treat with a bit of ice cream. We played an apple-picking game with prizes being anything that pairs with an apple such as caramel, brown sugar or cinnamon treats. We also had a Saturday porch

snack of fried apple pies and apple juice.

The ladies also made box dinners for the McKenzie Middle School cheerleaders on 8th Grade Recognition Night, which was their last home game of the season. Congratulations on the team win that night.

Activity Director Sheila Willis had a birthday on September 5 and treated everyone to cupcakes and banana pudding ice cream. You read that right: banana pudding ice cream. We also celebrated three residents at our monthly birthday party: Mary Lee Sharp, Earl Ray Kee and James Pitt, and we welcomed three new residents, Steve Jackson, Janet Duck and Adell Rich.

We are making big plans for our Family Fun Fall Fling. It will be Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. If you would like more information about attending or volunteering, please give us a call. I can hardly wait to tell you about the great time we are going to have... Until next time.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HUNTINGDON AMERICAN LEGION POST #47 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Huntingdon American Legion Post #47 Golf Scramble is Saturday, October 5 at Carroll Lake Golf Course. You don't need to have ever swung a club. Let this be your first time. Make some new friends and mark golfing off your bucket list. Please call Tony Moore at 731-358-1130 or email Rocky1935@sbcglobal.net for more information. All money collected by the post is used to support and help local veterans, their families, the military and the community by members' devotion to mutual helpfulness.

NEW HOURS

Effective October 1, 2024, The McKenzie Banner and TCP Print Shop have new hours. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed on weekends. Holiday hours are subject to change. If you need assistance outside of our hours, e-mail banner@mckenziebanner.com.

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OFFICE CLOSED
OCTOBER 17-18
The McKenzie Banner and TCP Print Shop will be closed on Thursday, October 17 through Friday, October 18 for Fall Break. We will re-open on Monday, October 21. Thank you for allowing us this time with our family.

VERIZON FUNDRAISER FOR KAITLYN REED FAMILY

Verizon in McKenzie is raising funds for the family of Kaitlyn Reed, who died at age 19 on September 1 of a fentanyl overdose. 100 percent of the funds raised go to Kaitlyn's funeral expenses. Support her family by purchasing any RC Cares products or making a cash donation.

SHEILA ROGERS 90TH BIRTHDAY

You are all invited to join Sheila Rogers and her family to celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Lakeside Senior Living in the multi-purpose room downstairs.

CARROLL COUNTY E911 BOARD MEETING

The Carroll County Emergency Communications Board meets Monday, October 7 at 11 a.m. in the Sheriff's Office training room at 200 Norandal Drive, Huntingdon. Citizens desiring to publicly comment on an agenda item must register with the district at 731-986-8911. A copy of

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McKENZIE SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Saturday, October 5 is the monthly dance party with Larry Morgan. Music starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$6. Saturday, October 12 is the annual pancake breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk or coffee. Serving from 7-11 a.m. Tickets available in advance from a member or at the door. Adults \$7. Kids \$5.

Saturday October 19 is the bi-monthly karaoke/dance night. Come and sing or come and dance. Or come to do both! Free admission and you don't have to be a member. Starts at 6 p.m. KJ service provided by Steve Bomar.

MMS TITLE I, PARENT MEETING

McKenzie Middle School's annual Title I/Parent Involvement Meeting is Wednesday, October 2 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the MMS Library. All parents and guardians of MMS students are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jill Renfro, Parent Involvement Coordinator for MMS at renfrojl@mckenziebannerschools.org or 731-352-2792.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Northwest TN Economic Development Council begins accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program October 1. This program assists low-income households through direct energy payments to their energy provider. Proof of gross household income is required to determine eligibility. Applicants must also submit a government ID, social

security number verification for all household members and a current utility company print-out showing the last 12 months of usage at their current location. Individuals interested in applying for the LIHEAP Program should make an appointment at the Northwest TN Economic Development Council office in their county of residence. Go to our website for county site contact information: nwcommunityaction.org. Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is provided through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA).

EVERETT'S CHAPEL CEMETERY MEETING

Everett's Chapel Cemetery Association will meet Sunday, October 6, 2 p.m. at the church, 1185 Union Church Road. Anyone interested in the cemetery is invited to attend.

MHS CLASS OF 1979 REUNION

During the weekend of The McKenzie High School Alumni Association Decades Reunion, the Class of 1979 meets Saturday, October 5 at the pavilion in the City Park from 1-3 p.m. Gina Hale Gore and Mary Ann Bush Garner are planning a memorable afternoon, with refreshments, photo backdrop with fun props and reconnecting with our classmates. Encourage your classmates to attend. For classmates that have not responded on our McKenzie High Class of 1979 Reunion (Facebook page) please RSVP to maryann@randalgamer.com.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Huntingdon Location — Adult Education Building, 14155 Paris Street. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Classes are offered

for one-on-one instruction on Mondays, 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-NOON. For more information, phone 731-364-5481.

MHS CLASS OF 1970 REUNION

The McKenzie High School Class of 1970 reunion is Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. at the Barn at the City Park.

McKENZIE TOPS TO MEET

The McKenzie TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter meets on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the McKenzie Church of Christ gym. Anyone interested in losing weight can join. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence at 731-352-7309. If no answer, leave a message.

McKENZIE MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S HOURS

The McKenzie Memorial Library, Broadway Street, is open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the summer for the Summer Reading Program. Additionally, the library has programs on most Saturdays beginning at 11:30 a.m.

MHS ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT IS OCTOBER 4

The McKenzie High School Alumni Association (MHSAA) Golf Tournament is Friday, October 4 at Carroll Lake Golf Course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with a limit of 18 teams. All golfers will need to arrive by 7:45 a.m., and the shotgun start is 8 a.m.

Entry fees are \$200 per team of four, and event sponsorships for businesses are available for \$100 each. Sponsorships include recognition on a banner to be displayed at both the golf tournament and the MHSAA decades reunion tailgate party later that evening.

Proceeds from the event support the goals of the MH-SAA, which include providing scholarships and other assistance for students of McKenzie schools.

The deadline for team registration and sponsorships is Monday, September 16.

For more information, pick up a form at Carroll Bank & Trust in McKenzie, or call MHSAA President Brian Winston at 731-352-2282.

CARROLL HUMANE SOCIETY EVENTS

Cat Vouchers

We always have spay/neuter vouchers for cats at a cost of \$50 and to be used at Paris Vet Clinic. If you need to pay with cash, come by the shelter to purchase. Otherwise, we have a NEW NUMBER to purchase using a credit/debit card. Please leave a message and the volunteer will return your call very soon, 731-514-0878.

Yard Sale

A yard sale is Thursday-Friday, October 17-18 from 8 a.m.-noon at the shelter on Highway 22 in McKenzie.

Halloween Bingo/Soup and Cornbread

CCHS hosts Halloween Bingo and an all-you-can-eat soup and cornbread dinner Sunday, October 27 at 2 p.m. at the Carroll Bank & Trust Community Building in Huntingdon.

CARROLL DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETS

The Carroll County Democratic Party meets the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 12740 Lexington Street, Huntingdon.

CARROLL REPUBLICAN PARTY MEETS

Carroll County Republican Party meets monthly each fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Building in Huntingdon.

CARROLL COMMISSION MEETS MONTHLY

Carroll County Commission meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Carroll County Office Complex, High Street, Huntingdon. There are no meetings in February and July.

GET THE WORD OUT

The newspaper publishes most announcements and events for free. Submit to EVENT@mckenziebanner.com or call 731-352-3323 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thank you for reading and supporting your community newspaper.

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McKenzie Police Reports

Driving on Suspended License — Fred Matthew Spiker, Jr., 28, Spruce Street, McKenzie was charged with Driving on a Suspended License, Violation of Financial Responsibility, and Violation of the Light Law on September 24.

Officer Timothy Dillon stopped Spiker's vehicle for an inoperable headlight. Spiker admitted he did not have insurance. A check of his license revealed the suspended status. He was cited into Carroll County Jail.

Dog Running at Large —

Jennifer Irene Vandyke-Shafer, 46, Locust Street, McKenzie was charged with allowing her dog to run at large on September 23.

According to a report by Officer Dalton Raspberry, Vandyke-Shafer's dog was attempting to attack another dog being walked. The female victim, who was walking the dog, was bit by Shafer's dog and required medical attention. Shafer's dog was taken into custody by animal control.

Driving on Suspended License — Brianna R.

Sheriff Reports

Theft — According to a report made by Deputy Heather Townes, on September 24, deputies responded to a call from a worker at Clay Hill Motor Sports in Atwood regarding a male being on the property and hiding behind a tractor. The defendant was Jonathan Sullivan, 32, of Atwood, who did not have permission to be on the property. Many items were stolen from the property at Clay Hill Motor Sports.

Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Furr, on September 23, deputies were dispatched to Trezevant in reference to a domestic that occurred. They advised the caller to head towards the Huntingdon Courthouse when they passed the caller so they turned around near Power Station Rd and pulled over. The caller advised that her friend was assaulted by her boyfriend, Matthew Tolley, 31, of Trezevant. She advised that her friend stated Matthew grabbed her face, held a bat in her face, threatened to wreck her car, break her phone, and kill her dogs. The victim stated they were in the house with Matthew when trying to leave he followed them outside yelling and screaming; lunged at her with a verbal threat that he would hit them both if they didn't leave. On 9-24-24, deputies received a call Matthew planned on taking his kid and leaving the state to go to Kentucky. At this time, he had not been picked up on his warrants yet. After calling the school they said Matthew

was there and they detained him until he could be placed under arrest.

Joyriding — According to a report made by Deputy Grant Davis, on September 26, he responded to a house in Atwood in reference to a stolen vehicle. Joshua Cook, 38, of Atwood, said he took the vehicle without permission because his vehicle is broken, and the truck is his father's name. The victim stated that Cook has taken his vehicle multiple times without asking for permission. Cook was then placed under arrest for joyriding.

Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Lucas Coleman, on September 20, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office received a phone call from Baptist ER in Huntingdon that a 51-year-old victim had been assaulted. She stated Richard Steven Fowler, 52, of Buena Vista, had come home and started breaking stuff in the house while she was lying in her stepson's bed watching a movie. She stated he started beating her, pulling her by the hair all through the house and kicking her; and took broken glass and cut her face and ear which caused multiple lacerations to her face. He was taking to jail for Domestic Assault.

Public Intoxication — According to a report made by Deputy Heather Townes, on 9-23-24, deputies responded to a call on Clay Farm Road in Atwood when the caller advised that a male subject who was found to be, Daniel Lott, 31, of McKenzie, was standing in the road taunting the vehicle as it traveled by not getting out of the road and standing in the way. The caller said Lott had a stick in his hand

Pugh, 33, Thompson Road, Huntingdon, was cited for Driving on a Suspended License on September 27.

Officer Dalton Raspberry observed Pugh driving and knew of her license's status and she was charged with Driving on Suspended-First Offense.

Failure to Appear — Nolan P. Raines, 20, Rogers Road, Scotts Hill was arrested on an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear on September 23.

Officer Trey Boucher located Raines on Paris Street and made the arrest for Gibson County authorities.

and hit the truck with the stick. The defendant appeared to be intoxicated and was transported to jail.

Drug/Narcotic Violations — According to a report made by Deputy Chance Townes, on September 24, he initiated a traffic stop on Railroad St in Trezevant for a registration plate light being out on the vehicle. He asked for consent to search through the vehicle, but the driver, Krystal Dawn Smith, 57, of Atwood, refused so Deputy Townes deployed a K-9 unit for an open-air sniff on the vehicle. In the vehicle they found a joint that was recently smoked, digital scale, glass pipe, and two small baggies of methamphetamine. She had warrants out of Madison County, so she was transported there.

Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Deputy Jeremy Smith, on September 22, he responded to a domestic assault call in Hollow Rock. Upon arrival, he made contact with the victim who had redness around her throat and a bite mark on her thumb. The victim stated that Michael Hones, 46, of Hollow Rock, strangled her to the point she almost lost consciousness, bit her thumb and refused to let her leave the trailer by holding her. The victim was able to escape when someone brought Hones money at the front door, so she ran out the back door and through the cemetery towards the highway with only one shoe on and ran across the highway to Broad St. where witnesses saw Mr. Hones chasing after her and she was screaming for help. Mr. Hones went back to his residence and fled the area before deputies could arrive.

Property Transfers

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Silicon Ranch Corporation to West Tennessee Public Utility District of Weakley, and Carroll in District 2.

Daven and Diana Dewberry to City of Milan.

John S. and Josephine V. Wright to Ester Viola Rodriguez in District 4.

Albert Bailey and Linda Juanita Simmons to Jacquelyn Morris Simmons in District 11.

Huntingdon Police Reports

Aggravated Assault, Domestic Assault — According to a report made by Officer Billy King, on September 22, he responded to a call that came about a woman walking on Jones St. in Huntingdon, bleeding from her head. The victim stated that Larry Teague, 45, of Huntingdon, had struck her with a belt, and when she told him she was bleeding he struck her again. She stated that he grabbed her phone and shattered it on the floor when she was trying to call for help. She ran to her neighbor's house to use the phone. The victim went to Baptist Memorial emergency room to be seen, and Larry was picked up from his residence and arrested.

Vandalism, Public Intoxication, Criminal Trespass — According to a report made by Officer Malachi Arline, on September 14, he was dispatched to a home because of an intruder attempting to enter the residence. The homeowner had captured video footage of an individual tampering with her property in the backyard. The officers secured the residence and reviewed the video footage from the backyard camera. The footage identified the suspect as William H. Hollowell, 41, of Huntingdon. Officers located Hollowell walking down the road, and he appeared to be intoxicated, and arrested him and took him to Carroll County Jail.

Shoplifting — According to a report made by Officer Jonathan McDowell, on September 15, Walmart security had made a call and said that they had a shoplifter and requested police help. Security officer Joe Lowe was walking out of the store behind a white older male on a motorized shopping cart when police arrived. Lowe was telling the male to stop but he kept driving out of the store. Officer McDowell kept trying to get the male to get off the

cart and he kept refusing and saying no; so, he was told he was under arrest. The man then grabbed his dog and tried to hold it to keep from being arrested. The male was eventually restrained and handcuffed. He had stolen merchandise in his waistband. The male was Daryl E. Ross, 65, of Paris. Due to the fact the male had a dog and no one to come take care of it the defendant was cited and given 10 days to report to booking.

Criminal Trespass — According to a report

made by Officer Ethan Parham, on 9-18-24, Maurice Lee Lawrence, 31, homeless, was trespassing at Wendy's and taken to Carroll County Jail.

Public Intoxication — According to a report made by Officer Malachi Arline, on 9-14-24, Ryan Porter, 35, of Holladay, was arrested for being loud and unruly inside Moon Light Tattoo shop in Huntingdon. Ryan admitted to consuming several drinks earlier in the evening.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Bruceton will be soliciting bids for Automatic Water Meters on the property located in Bruceton, Tennessee. The Automatic Water Meters is a utility improvement project with several functions for the Bruceton, Tennessee community. Project consists of the replacement of approximately 800 water meters with remote read capability and AMI.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at **10 a.m. on October 9, 2024 at Town of Bruceton, City Hall, 209 Cheatham Street, Bruceton, TN 38317.**

This project is being supported American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund grant funding. Therefore, certain restrictions and other federal requirements attach to this opportunity.

Separate sealed bids for Automatic Water Meters will be received by **Town of Bruceton, City Hall, 209 Cheatham Street, Bruceton, TN 38317**, until **2 p.m. on November 19, 2024**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Any person with disability requiring special accommodations must contact the Town of Bruceton no later than 7 days prior to the bid opening.

All bid documents may be examined at the following:

- 1) TOWN OF BRUCETON CITY HALL
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- 2) A2H, INC.
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www.wtplanroom.com

Electronic files may be downloaded free of charge from the A2H Planroom at www.a2hplanroom.com. Hard copy sets of plans and specifications will also be available for purchase on the planroom for the cost of printing and shipping. For questions regarding obtaining the plans and specifications, please email Laurie Smith, Project Coordinator at lauries@a2h.com. **You are strongly urged to obtain your bid documents from the A2H Planroom (www.a2hplanroom.com) to ensure that you are on the official Planholders List and that you have the most current version documents.**

PLEASE NOTE: Official Planholders List **will only be the list maintained by A2H, Inc.** It is the sole responsibility of all bidders to make sure they are on that list by downloading the bid documents from the A2H Planroom. It is also the sole responsibility of all plan holders, whether they have received digital downloads or paper copies of the plans and specifications, to periodically to check for Addenda which may have been posted on the **A2H Planroom** at www.a2hplanroom.com.

Town of Bruceton hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. Town of Bruceton is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Any contract that uses federal funds to pay for construction work is a "federally assisted construction contract" and must include the equal opportunity clause found in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, unless otherwise stated in 41 C.F.R. Part 60. We encourage all small and minority owned firms and women's business enterprises to participate. No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act is also applicable, which prohibits workers on construction contracts from giving up wages that they are owed. Contractors must not appear on Sam.gov disbarment list.

A detailed listing of all subcontractors shall be provided by the Bidder. In accordance with the Contract Documents, documentation that the prospective General Contractor and its subcontractors meet minimum qualifications shall be provided and submitted. Subcontractors must also not appear on Sam.gov disbarment list. Mark-ups on subcontractor work or Cost Plus Overhead will be disallowed for reimbursement.

A bid bond or certified check for **five percent (5%) of the total bid amount** must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in the amount of his bid and shall, before entering on the work of said contract, be licensed as a contractor of Town of Bruceton.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Publication Date: October 1, 2024

Bid Opening Date/Time: November 19, 2024, 2 p.m.

Marriage Licenses

Hannah Ann Sampson, 24, of McKenzie, to Lu-

cas Perry Waddell, 25, of McKenzie.
James Gregory Hart, 60, of Huntingdon, to Jennifer Annette Matlock Perkins, 48, of Camden.
Steven Allen Crossett,

32, of Huntingdon, to Sati-
n Rose Gammill, 31, of Huntingdon.
Linka Lynn Langley, 31, of McKenzie, to Jeremie Robert Neaveill, 31, of McKenzie.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PA176

ESTATE OF: THOMAS ATKINS HARRINGTON, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **25TH** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **THOMAS ATKINS HARRINGTON** deceased, who died **MAY 18TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
 - (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received a copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or
 - (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
- All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

This 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.
THIS NOTICE WILL RUN TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

FILE CLAIMS IN TRIPPLICATE WITH:
KENNETH TODD - CLERK & MASTER
99 Court Square, Suite 105, Huntingdon, TN 38344

TRAVIS D. HARRINGTON, Executor/Administrator
DWAYNE D. MADDOX III, Attorney
KENNETH TODD, Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE CASE NO: 2024PE173

ESTATE OF: SARAH LOUISE PRITCHARD, LATE OF CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Notice is hereby given that on the **23RD** day of **SEPTEMBER, 2024** Letters Testamentary, of Administration, in respect to the Estate of **SARAH LOUISE PRITCHARD** deceased, who died **AUGUST 17TH, 2024**, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Carroll County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required by law to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

- (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Above Left, Rebel Timmy Arline finds a gap for a seven-yard touchdown. Above Right, Rebel Matteo Tabada finds open space for a big gain. Below Left, Tiger Nicholas King has room to turn on the jets. Below Right, Tiger Brady Roberts cuts to the outside for good yardage. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Rebels Cage Tigers, 69-7

MCKENZIE (September 26) — McKenzie High School hosted Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central for a Region 6-1A football contest Thursday night, moved up from Friday because of Hurricane Helene.

The top-ranked Rebels had another big first half, scoring nine touchdowns in the first two quarters for the second week in a row. Each team scored once in a quick second half, and McKenzie claimed a 69-7 win over the Tigers.

Central won the toss and received the opening kickoff, but the first play from scrimmage resulted in a fumble recovered by the Rebels.

Taking over at the Tiger 35, McKenzie earned a quick first down but soon faced a third-and-14. Quarterback Tate Surber threw to Landon Brown, who made a diving catch to save the drive. The play still left it fourth-and-two, but Surber kept for eleven yards. On first-and-goal, Timmy Arline punched it in from two yards out. A rare two-point try from the Rebels was unsuccessful, but they led 6-0 with 9:16 to play in the first frame.

Tiger Brady Roberts received the ensuing kick inside the 5 and returned it to the 18. It was soon third-and-eleven, but quarterback Caden Dean found Roberts for 26 yards. The next play resulted in offsetting penalties, then Central was flagged for a false start. Rebel Cole Brown made a big stop for a five-yard loss, then Dean kept for three yards. On third-and-17, Dean threw incomplete, but pass interference was called. The result made it third-and-two, and a McKenzie offside moved the chains. Dean kept for a short gain, then threw an interception to Rebel Gage Crosland.

Taking over at the McKenzie 30, Surber threw to C. Brown for a 70-yard touchdown. Skyler Fornera kicked the PAT, and the Rebels led 13-0 with five minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

McKenzie was penalized after the touchdown, so Guillermo Hickman kicked from ten yards deeper. The ball went out of bounds, drawing another flag, and Central started at midfield. Three incomplete passes and a pair of false starts doomed the Tigers to a three-and-out. Tanner Walters' punt was tipped by Fornera and went out of bounds at the Rebel 36.

A good run by Surber moved the chains, and, two plays later, Arline went 18 to move into Tiger territory. After a short pass play, Arline gained 16, with yards tacked on for a Central penalty. Surber then kept for a 17-yard touchdown. Fornera kicked, and McKenzie led 20-0 with 2:23 left in the first.

Hickman kicked for a touchback, starting the Tigers at the 20. L. Brown stopped Roberts for an eleven-yard loss. Surber forced Roberts out of bounds after just a yard, then back-to-



Rebel Gage Crosland returns an interception down the sideline into Central territory. Photo by Brad Sam/The Banner

back false starts had Central facing third-and-long inside the 3. Tiger Johnny Tilley, III got to the 4 before meeting a host of gray jerseys, but that gave Walters enough room to punt from the back of the end zone. A strong kick and some favorable bounces set McKenzie at their 47.

Surber threw incomplete, then scrambled out of bounds for six yards. He threw to C. Brown, but Braxton Howard was there for the stop after just a yard as the first frame ended. Facing fourth-and-three to start the second quarter, Surber kept for 13 up the middle. He then threw to Colt Norden, who weaved his way 33 yards to the end zone. Fornera's PAT gave the Rebels a 27-0 lead early in the second.

Central went three-and-out again, Walters' punt going out of bounds at the Rebel 45.

Arline and Surber took turns running the ball, earning a pair of first downs before a 14-yard Surber touchdown. Fornera kicked, and the McKenzie lead was 34-0 with 7:38 left in the second frame.

Another three-and-out ended with a Walters punt downed at the Tiger 45.

Norden ran for 38, then Arline followed with a seven-yard touchdown. Fornera's point-after was good, and the Rebels led 41-0 with under five minutes to play in the first half.

Central went three-and-out again, but this time, C. Brown returned the punt 37 yards for a touchdown. With the PAT, McKenzie led 48-0 with 2:57 on the clock.

A McKenzie penalty and another out-of-bounds kickoff gave the Tigers the ball at midfield. On first down, a bad snap was scooped up by Rebel KD Cunningham and returned 43 yards to the end zone. Fornera kicked, and it was 55-0 with 2:48 left in the half.

Central fumbled the kickoff return, recovered by Rebel Aden Heath at the 17. Arline ran for ten, then repeated for a seven-yard touchdown. The point-after was good for a 62-0 McKenzie advantage just under two minutes before the break.

The Tigers received the kickoff, but a bad snap on first down was recovered by C. Brown for the Rebels. McKenzie took a knee twice to run out the half.

The Rebels received the ball to start the second half, starting at their 20 after a touchback by Walters. McKenzie substituted heavily,

including Kason Brown at quarterback and Matteo Tabada at running back. The pair kept it on the ground, earning a pair of first downs before turning the ball over on downs at the Tiger 29.

Taking over, Dean's first-down pass was intercepted by Martez Teague and returned 23 yards to the Central 37.

Tabada ran for 15, then gained another three before meeting Carter Lowe. Rebel Gakhari Thomas dragged many defenders for a ten-yard gain as the third quarter ended. Starting the final frame on first-and-goal, Tabada rushed for a nine-yard score. Fornera completed another perfect night of PATs, and McKenzie led 69-0 early in the fourth.

King received the kickoff and escaped a tackle near midfield en route to an 84-yard touchdown return. Walter kicked the PAT, and Central was on the board, 69-7, with nine minutes to play.

Tabada had four carries and K. Brown a pair as the Rebels earned three first downs. With K. Brown losing his helmet on the last carry, Cooper Davidson entered at quarterback to take knee twice and run out the clock.

McKenzie had 459 yards of total offense, holding Central to three yards.

Rebel quarterback Tate Surber was 8 of 11 passing for 152 yards and two touchdowns. He had nine carries for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

Timmy Arline had ten carries for 86 yards and three touchdowns.

Matteo Tabada led McKenzie in carries and rushing yards with 11 and 95, scoring one touchdown.

Kason Brown ran six times for 35 yards.

Colt Norden had two catches for 71 yards and a touchdown.

Cole Brown had five catches for 69 yards and a touchdown.

Tiger quarterback Caden Dean was 1 of 5 passing for 26 yards. Brady Roberts had the one reception.

Cole Brown led the Rebel defense with three tackles, one for a loss.

Landon Brown had two tackles, one for a loss.

Tigers Caden Dean and Johnny Tilley, III each had two tackles with one for a loss.

McKenzie (6-0, 2-0) hosts Perry County, another region opponent, at Friday's Homecoming.

Central (1-5, 0-1) hosts Houston County, also a region opponent, Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Above, Huntingdon's defensive line plugs the gaps against Milan. Below Left, Greyson Anderson kicks the extra point during a down pour. Below Right, Braylin Dearmon knocks down a Bulldog pass. Photos Courtesy Huntingdon Sports Pics



Mustangs Struggle in Dog, Pony Show

Wade Comer Triumphant In Return to Carroll County

HUNTINGDON (September 26) — With pending storms compliments of Hurricane Helene, the 93rd meeting between the Huntingdon Mustangs and the Milan Bulldogs, was moved up to Thursday night. Despite the date change, the first half of action was mostly played in the rain. Milan, under the helm of former Rebel Head Coach Wade Comer, was able to move the ball with ease against Huntingdon taking the Region 6-2A win, 28-7.

Statistically, the Bulldogs dominated on both sides of the ball. The Mustangs had 7 first downs in the game. Total yardage was 98, 58 passing and 40 on the ground. Brady Warbritton was the leading rusher with 35 yards. For Milan, they had 17 first downs, 120 yard passing and 227 yards rushing.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs had three consecutive touchdowns. Their opening drive started from Milan's 26 yard line. Big runs by Jaydon Peete and a facemask penalty put the

Bulldogs at the Mustang 29 yard line. Will Johnson's pass to Terrence Moses was good for the touchdown. The extra point put Milan up 7-0 at the 9:20 mark.

Huntingdon had a three-and-out on their opening offensive series.

The Bulldogs started the next drive on their 31 yard line. Milan moved the ball quickly downfield. On first-and-goal and seven, Dee Kelley busted through for the touchdown. The PAT made the score 14-0 with 5:10 to play in the opening quarter.

Huntingdon went three-and-out on their next drive. At the end of the punt, the Mustangs were assessed another facemask penalty. With excellent field position, the Bulldogs wasted little time scoring a third touchdown. From 29 yards out, Peete juiced and stutter-stepped his way into the endzone. The extra point gave Milan a 21-0 with little time remaining in the first quarter.

The Mustangs were able to respond on the next drive. Gray Eubanks hit Owen King on the wheel route for 29 yards taking Huntingdon across midfield. A pass to Warbritton put the Mustangs in scoring position. On second-

and-goal from the two yard line, Eubanks punched it in for a touchdown. Greyson Anderson posted the extra point as Milan's lead was cut to 21-7 with 7:25 to play in the opening half.

Milan and Huntingdon were forced to put on their next drives. With about two minutes to play in the second quarter, the Bulldogs ran out the clock.

Huntingdon had the ball to open the second half but could not capitalize to change the game's momentum. With 7:50 to play in the third quarter, Kelly picked up his second Bulldog touchdown of the night. The extra point was good as Milan led 28-7.

The game went back and forth with no additional points. Humid conditions led to numerous issues with muscle cramps in the fourth quarter. At the 5:51 mark, Eubanks was injured on a play and was carted off the field. According to Huntingdon's coaching staff, he is good to go next Friday. The final score was Milan 28 Huntingdon 7.

The Mustangs drop to 3-2 on the season and 1-1 in Region 6-2A. Milan moved to 5-1 and 3-1 in Region 6-2A. Next Friday night, Huntingdon travels to Riverside (5-1). Kickoff is 7 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER



Above, McKenzie Middle School eighth graders (L to R): Meghan Cowan with parents Brent and Amanda Cowan, Genesis Banuelos with mother Megan Morgan, Kamyah Gordon with parents Ashley and David Gordon, MaKayla Dabbs with parents David and Amanda Dabbs, Ellie Doede with parents Jeremy and Jennifer Doede, Sophie Dameron with parents Steven and Danita Dameron, Alleigh Britt with parents Jeff Britt and Jennifer and Paul Horton, Claire Kee with parents Courtney and Benji Kee and Ava Graham with parents Melissa and James Graham. Below Left, Lady Rebel eighth grader Sophie Dameron makes a strong kick for one of McKenzie's three goals. Below Right, Lady Rebel Anna Summers makes one of her four saves as goalkeeper in the second half. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Lady Rebels Top Milan on Eighth Grade Night

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 23) — McKenzie Middle School hosted Milan Monday for a soccer match as the season winds down. The Lady Rebels were in control throughout the game, earning a 3-1 win.

Prior to the contest, nine eighth graders were recognized on the field, joined by their parents: MaKayla Dabbs, daughter of David

and Amanda Dabbs; Sophie Dameron, daughter of Danita and Steven Dameron; Ellie Doede, daughter of Jennifer and Jeremy Doede; Genesis Banuelos, daughter of Megan Morgan and Derik Banuelos; Alleigh Britt, daughter of Jennifer and Paul Horton and Jeff Britt; Meghan Cowan, daughter of Amanda and Brent Cowan; Ava Graham, daughter of Melissa and James Graham; Claire Kee, daughter of Benji and Courtney

and Kamyah Gordon, daughter of Ashley and David Gordon.

The three McKenzie goals were scored by MaKayla Dabbs, Sophie Dameron and Alleigh Britt. Ellie Doede had a pair of assists.

Alleigh Britt was goalkeeper for the first half, notching three saves. Anna Summers took over the net for the second half and had four saves.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Weather Hampers Gleason Homecoming

BY MICHAEL ODOM
Mirror-Exchange

GLEASON (September 26) — For a third straight game, Gleason’s football team was playing without the services of injured quarterback Drake Lehmkuhl. The Homecoming game was moved from the traditional Friday night to Thursday in anticipation of heavy rains on Friday as remnants of Hurricane Helene, that devastated the southeast with wind and rain.

The Bulldogs’ offense looked much improved in the first half over the previous two weeks, but South Fulton’s offense was better.

The Red Devils scored 42 points in the first half to knock off Gleason 58-20 in Week 6 action.

Gleason (3-3, 0-3 7-1A) travels to Lake County for another region contest on Friday night.

South Fulton scored the first two touchdowns of the game in the first quarter to take a 14-0 lead with 7:26 remaining in the quarter on a four-yard run and 36-yard interception return.

The connection between quarterback Brody Sanders and athlete Gage Byington became a theme throughout the game. The two connected six times for 174 yards in the game.

The first time came with 4:23 remaining in the opening quarter as Sanders hit Byington for a 62-yard touchdown pass to cut South Fulton’s lead to 14-6.

South Fulton answered with a 22-yard touchdown run by Dallas Whitehead



Left, Gleason QB Brody Sanders sweeps around the end for yardage. Right, Gleason’s Gage Byington hauls in a Brody Sanders’ pass for a touchdown. Photos by Joel Washburn/The Banner

for the 21-6 lead.

But it was Brody to Byington on a 35-yard touchdown pass with 32 seconds remaining that helped the Bulldogs cut the deficit to 21-12.

South Fulton continued to put up strong offensive numbers and get to the end zone, while Gleason only scored once in the final three quarters.

Whitehead rushed for 216 yards on 26 carries with four touchdowns.

The Red Devils scored on a 13-yard run and a 77-yard fumble recovery to take a 35-12 lead before Gleason scored again.

Byington scored on an 86-yard kickoff return, and Sanders converted the two-point conversion as Gleason cut South Fulton’s lead to 35-20 with 4:04 to play in the first half.

From there, it was all South Fulton as it ended the half with a Whitehead touchdown for the 42-20 lead at halftime. The Red

Devils scored on a 25-yard field goal and three-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for the 51-20 lead with 12 minutes to play.

South Fulton scored once more in the fourth quarter.

Gleason accumulated 207 yards of total offense, but 174 came from the Sanders-Byington connection. Byington also led Gleason in rushing with three carries for 23 yards.

South Fulton finished with 341 yards of offense with 295 coming on the ground.

Gleason’s Week 7 Opponent
Who: Lake County Falcons
Where: Away
Record: 3-3 (2-2 7-1A)
Week 6 result: Beat Humboldt 43-16
Series Record: In the 32-game history, Lake County holds a 28-3 advantage with one tie in 1964.
Last meeting: Lake

County won 62-14 at home in Week 7 of the 2023 season.

Common opponents: 1 – South Fulton. Gleason lost to South Fulton 58-20, while Lake County lost 28-20.

Players to watch: Camden Chamberlain (Sr, RB/LB); Chance Estes (Sr, QB/LB); Neil Leinweber (Sr, OL/DL)

What to know: Over the past 14 meetings, Lake County has won 13 of them. Gleason’s lone win came in 2008 by a score of 30-18. Gleason needs a win in this one to keep playoff hopes alive. A loss would give Gleason four region losses and make the playoffs a goal that other teams would have to help them achieve. Lake County has scored 46 points in the three losses this season, while it has scored 103 points in the three wins.

McKenzie Ranked #1 in State Poll

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Sports Writers Association announced football rankings after Week 6 on Monday, with the poll presented by CoachT.com. Top 10 teams in each of the six Division I classifications and Top 5 in three Division II classes were selected by TSWA members with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote.

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4. Oliver Springs (5-1) – 87
5. Halls (6-0) – 83
6. Chattanooga Prep (5-1) – 65
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8. Union City (4-2) – 35
9. South Pittsburg (4-2) – 32
10. South Fulton (5-1) – 26
Others receiving votes: MASE 15, Clay County 12, Richland 6, North Greene 3, Middle College 2, Houston County 1
- Class 2A**
1. East Robertson (6-0) – 140 (14)
2. Decatur County Riverside (5-1) – 120
3. Fairley (5-0) – 98
4. Marion County (5-1) – 90
5. Milan (5-1) – 78
6. Jackson Central-Merry (5-0) – 77
7. Bledsoe County (5-1) – 48
8. Forrest (5-1) – 22
9. Huntingdon (3-2) – 20
10. Westmoreland (5-1) – 18
Others receiving votes: Mt. Pleasant 16, Mitchell 16, York Institute 9, East Hickman 8, Happy Valley 7, Loretto 2, Memphis Business 1

- Class 3A**
1. Alcoa (3-1) – 150 (15)
2. Covington (5-0) – 128
3. Westview (6-0) – 115
4. East Nashville (5-1) – 106
5. Unicoi County (4-0) – 78
6. Meigs County (4-1) – 73
7. Sequatchie County (3-1) – 67
8. Johnson County (4-0) – 47
9. McMinn Central (4-1) – 30
10. Pigeon Forge (4-1) – 16
Others receiving votes: Gatlinburg-Pittman 8, Memphis East 3, Dyersburg 3, Bolton 1
- Class 4A**
1. Upperman (6-0) – 149 (14)
2. Anderson County (5-0) – 129
3. Marshall County (6-0) – 112
4. Haywood (4-1) – 92
5. Greeneville (3-2) – 84 (1)
6. Pearl-Cohn (4-2) – 76
7. Loudon (6-0) – 55
8. Dyer County (5-1) – 44
t9. Macon County (4-2) – 23
t9. Gibbs (5-0) – 23
Others receiving votes: Soddy Daisy 12, White County 8, Signal Mountain 7, Elizabethton 4, DeKalb County 3, Creek Wood 3, Red Bank 1

- Class 5A**
1. Page (6-0) – 150 (15)
2. Sevier County (5-0) – 124
3. Beech (5-1) – 104
4. Powell (5-1) – 102
5. Southwind (5-1) – 84
6. Knox West (4-2) – 75
7. Munford (5-1) – 54
8. Shelbyville (5-1) – 48
9. East Hamilton (5-1) – 21
10. Centennial (4-2) – 18
Others receiving votes: Walker Valley 16, Henry County 15, Rhea County 8, Hendersonville 4, Lincoln County 2

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Justin Melton Honored for Racing Championship

GLEASON (September 25) — Justin Melton of Gleason is a national champion driver for dragsters. Besides the national recognition he received in 2015, that honor will be remembered as motorists enter Gleason.

Damon Chandler, a long-time friend of Melton, arranged for the signs to be printed and for the city to agree to display the signs. It reads “2015 World Champion PDRA Top Dragster, #1 in Final Season Points, Justin Melton.

Melton built the car in his shop for car owner Danny Payne. Melton was also the driver of the 246-inch, 2,200 horse-power machine. The car and driver travel 660 feet, one-eighth mile, in 3.98 seconds and reach a



Justin Melton (left) and car owner Danny Payne hold the sign that designation Melton as a champion dragster builder and driver.

speed of 175 miles per hour. Melton said that's two football fields and an end zone. He competed in nine states to earn points toward the championship. The finale was at the Virginia Motor-sports Park.

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Shining a light on people and businesses in the Carroll County area.

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BY BRAD SAM
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Elizabeth Russell Owen, CPA is a partner at ATA in Paris. The McKenzie native has spread her roots throughout the tri-county area. She lives in McKenzie in Carroll County, her office is in Henry County and her husband, Kody, farms in Weakley County.

Owen has been with ATA for ten years. She graduated from McKenzie High School, then from UT Knoxville and Belmont (Masters). She began with the firm as a staff accountant and later became a manager. She was named a partner in 2021. Owen is also the chair of the ATA training



Elizabeth Russell Owen, CPA, Partner, ATA-Paris

committee.

Owen's mother, Robin Russell, is a senior manager for ATA who began her tenure directly out of school in the 1980's. She started in the McKenzie office (as did her daughter), which was eliminated in 2020. Russell still works in McKenzie from a home office.

Asked by The Banner if her career choice was influenced by her mother, Owen said, "Actually, no. So when I went to school I was undecided, and one thing I was adamant I would not do was be an accountant, because Mom's job just seemed so boring. Who wants to sit in front of a computer all day?"

"It wasn't until I took my first accounting class at Knoxville that I figured I was pretty good at it and could see a future in being an accountant. This is an accounting mindset, but it was a really stable job. There was a lot of stability in that decision. So I chose that path. And I will say, after being in this profession, it is definitely not

a 'sit behind the computer all day' profession, that is definitely not what I do. There's a lot of consulting and advising and really trying to better people's business and make them successful."

The firm started in the 1940's in Jackson as Branham & Arnold and has gone through many iterations over the years with acquisitions and mergers. In 1984, with the purchase of Crawford and Company, offices in Paris and McKenzie were added.

Owen expounded on the company's growth. "We started out as a very small West Tennessee firm, and where we are now is pretty exciting. We're just on the cusp of being a top 100 accounting firm in the nation. So, a lot bigger than people in the area might think, because we've really built ourselves on just being a local accounting firm. And we try to still have a local feel, because that's what we were born and bred on, is being a local accounting firm to individuals. But we reach a big audience, we're able to service a big audience because of our extensive reach. We have a lot of expertise that we can tap into if any of our clients need an expert in a specific niche or industry."

Among the ten brick-and-mortar locations in Tennessee are the Paris office at 165 Peppers Drive (731-642-0771) and the Martin location at 304 North Lindell Street (731-587-5145).

Owen expressed her hometown sentiment and how she brings it to her work. "The reason I live in McKenzie is because it's my home, and that's where I want to continue to make my home for my children and generations in the future. And so, even though I don't have a brick-and-mortar location [in McKenzie], I still feel a sense of service to every person in McKenzie and the Tri-County area. That is my neighbor, my friend, my family member that I want to serve and help and be there for support and guidance in any accounting or financial aspect."



Addyson Black is Gleason High School Homecoming Queen

GLEASON (September 26) — Addyson Black was crowned the 2024 football Homecoming Queen during pre-game ceremonies at Gleason High School. Miss Black is the daughter of Michelle and Brian Black. She is the manager of the football team, a member of the basketball and softball teams, and a member of the Beta Club, G-Club and Student Council.

Football players Trey Mayo and Brody Sanders escorted her, accompanied by Ahmya Marie Cooper, the flower girl, and Beckham Strong Bennett, the crown bearer.



Addyson Black

Members of the Homecoming Court were Brooklyn Hitches, a freshman and daughter of Lace and Dale Aeschbacher and Chas

Hitchens. She is a Gleason cheerleader. Parker Morgan and Noah Aeschbacher escorted her.

Kenlee Jo Suddath is a sophomore and daughter of Amber and Justin Suddath. Kenlee is a cheerleader and member of the Beta Club, Student Council, FCA and Skills USA. Andrew Harrison and Bryce Pettit escorted her.

Karli Mercer, the daughter of Mandy Mercer, was the junior maid. She is a member of the Beta Club and the manager of the football team. Drake Lehmkuhl and Aiden Legens escorted her.

EMA Director Janice Newman Retires

HUNTINGDON (September 27) — Janice Newman has been answering emergency calls as the director of the Carroll County Emergency Management Agency for 26 years. She retired Friday, September 27, ending her long career in emergency management for the county. Even on her final day of service, Newman issued a flash flood alert in response to possible flooding.

The director of the Emergency Management Agency provides weather and other hazardous warnings, responds to hazardous emergencies, documents damage assessments during major weather events for TEMA and FEMA in order to receive any disaster declaration and financial reimbursement, develops mitigation plans, and organize search and rescue missions. Some of the most noted events were drownings, tornadoes—including two fatalities, and the massive train derailment near Trezevant. During previous hurricanes in Louisiana, Newman was tasked with organizing sheltering operations at the National Guard Training Facility in Lavinia.



Janice Newman, Carroll County Emergency Management Director (right), with Richard and Debra Kee of Benton County during the retirement celebration of Newman. Kee is the director of Benton County EMA.

She worked with the Red Cross to house those who fled flooded areas caused by the hurricanes.

She coordinated emergency response plans with other local and state agencies.

In her early years, Newman was both the county's fire chief and director of EMA. During those years, she had the added responsibility of training firefighters, procuring equipment, and recruiting personnel for the county's 12 rural volunteer fire brigades.

Part of her responsibilities included visiting schools and talking to students about emergency

preparedness.

The 1974 graduate of McKenzie High School worked as a pharmacy tech, an EMT and paramedic, director of Baptist EMS, and then director of the county's EMA. While Newman is retiring, she said she will continue to maintain her certification as a paramedic and have a jump bag of medical supplies in her car.

For now, she plans to rest, work on her house and yard, and take a break from the 24/7 emergency call regimen.

And, she plans to spend more time with her family, especially the grandchildren.



Above, Approximately 60 active and retired guardsmen gathered Saturday for a reunion at the armory. Below Left, 1st Sgt. Johnny B. Walker (retired 2008) (left) was the longest-serving member present at 42 years, five months and 28 days. 30th Brigade Commander Charles Argo (retired 1994) was the oldest guardsman present at 86. Below Right, The planning committee for the reunion — (L to R) Front Row: James Tucker, Tony Bigham and Charlotte Burcham. Back Row: Todd Walker, Rickey Shell, Richard Ozment and Jerry Burcham. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner



Guardsmen Reunite at McKenzie Armory

BY BRAD SAM
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MCKENZIE (September 28) — Active and retired members of two units of the Tennessee National Guard gathered for a reunion Saturday at the Armory.

Approximately sixty guardsmen were present for the event to enjoy food and fellowship. Those members represent Co. A 4/109 Armor and Co. A/230th Eng. BN.

Two notable attendees were Charles Argo and Johnny B. Walker.

30th Brigade Commander Charles Argo was the oldest guardsman present at 86. He served out of the McKenzie armory from 1955-1972, retired in 1994 and resides in McKenzie.

1st Sgt. Johnny B. Walker was the longest-serving member present at 42 years, five months and 28 days. He served from his enlistment at age 17 in 1966 until his retirement in 2008. He also resides in McKenzie.

Notably, Walker was enlisted by Argo, who was enlisted by Walker's father. The reunion was the

first since 2008 and was organized by the planning committee of Todd Walker (chairman), Richard Ozment (secretary/treasurer), Rickey Shell (sergeant at arms), James Tucker, Tony Bigham, Jerry Burcham and Charlotte Burcham.

Ozment told The Banner the death of fellow guardsman Charles Felts in March inspired the urgency for the gathering, but noted "This is not a reunion to remember those that are gone, but an opportunity to celebrate the ones that remain."

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